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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO'S PROPOSED REMARKS TO THE  
PRESIDENT

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO'S REMARKS  
TO THE PRESIDENT WHICH HE PRESENTED TO THE ACTING  
SECRETARY DURING THEIR MEETING ON AUGUST 11 (SEE SEPTTEL):

QUOTE. MR PRESIDENT,

I HAVE THE HONOUR AND GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU  
THE LETTERS OF CREDENCE BY WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY,  
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, HEAD OF THE FEDERAL  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED  
FORCES OF NIGERIA, ACCREDITS ME AS HIS AMBASSADOR TO THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. PERMIT ME ALSO TO HAND OVER THE  
LETTERS OF RECALL OF MY PREDECESSOR, THAT DISTINGUISHED  
DIPLOMAT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIST, AMBASSADOR OLU SANU,  
WHO HAS BEEN REASSIGNED TO OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN LAGOS.

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I ENTER UPON MY MISSION NEAR YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AT A  
MOST AUSPICIOUS TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE RELATIONS  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FEDERAL

REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA WHICH HAPPILY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CORDIAL  
AND FRIENDLY. IT IS A TIME OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, BOTH

ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE AND WITHIN OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES-CHANGES WHICH SIGNIFY VERY FAVOURABLE TRENDS TOWARDS THE CREATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE FOR FRUITFUL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES.

THE ENLIGHTENED POLICIES WHICH YOUR ADMINISTRATION HAS ENUNCIATED AND THE HUMAN AND ETHICAL EMPHASIS WHICH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE PERSONALLY INTRODUCED INTO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HAVE ENCOURAGED US IN NIGERIA TO WISH TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH YOUR ENDEAVOURS. WE HAVE A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY HERE TO MAKE LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO HISTORY TOGETHER. OUR CAPACITY TO PERFORM IN THIS GREAT PARTNERSHIP MAY DIFFER BECAUSE WE ARE DIFFERENTLY AND UNEQUALLY ENDOWED, NONETHELESS OUR ENTHUSIASM AND DETERMINATION, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL GOODWILL WHICH WE ENJOY GUARANTEE US NO LESS IMPORTANT AND EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.

THAT OUR COMMON PRE-OCCUPATION WITH THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF MAN LEADS US TO THE COMMITMENT TO WORK TOWARDS THE FREEDOM AND TOTAL LIBERATION OF ALL THOSE WHO ARE STILL ENSLAVED AND OPPRESSED, WHETHER IN SOUTHERN AFRICA OR ELSEWHERE, AND THAT THE BETTERMENT OF OUR WORLD BY FREEING ITS POPULATION FROM ARMED CONFLICT, POVERTY, HUNGER AND DISEASE SHOULD FORM OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE, ARE WHOLESOME INDICATIONS THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZE THE REALITIES OF OUR TIMES AND OF OUR ONE WORLD, AND THAT WE HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A BASIS FOR VERY CLOSE COLLABORATION.

POLITICAL, RACIAL AND ECONOMIC DIVERSITIES HAVE TENDED FOR TOO LONG TO DIVIDE THE HUMAN-KIND INTO THE RICH AND THE POOR, THE PRIVILEGED AND UNDER-PRIVILEGED, THE FREE AND THE BONDED. BUT WE KNOW THAT THIS IS A WORLD OF GREAT

INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG NATIONS, AND NO ONE COUNTRY CAN FEEL SMUGLY RICH WHILE THERE EXIST WITHIN THE HUMAN COMMUNITY THOSE WHO ARE POOR. NONE CAN CLAIM TO BE TRULY FREE WHILE OTHERS REMAIN IN BONDS.

THE ROLE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, IN THE CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, YOUR STAND ON THE CONSERVATION OF WORLD ENERGY RESOURCES, ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH SHOULD LEAD TO A FAIRER REDISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD'S WEALTH, YOUR FORTHRIGHT CONDEMNATION OF THE EVILS OF APARTHEID, AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS-THESE ARE BUT SOME OF THE POSITIVE ELEMENTS OF YOUR POLICIES WHICH ARE OF GREAT INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE

TO MY GOVERNMENT, AND THESE ARE AREAS IN WHICH I FORESEE  
CONTINUED AND INTENSIFIED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN US WHILE  
I REMAIN THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF  
NIGERIA IN WASHINGTON.

I SHOULD LIKE TO COUNT ON YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND ON  
YOUR CLOSE ASSOCIATES IN GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST ME IN MY  
TASK OF INTERPRETER BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND MINE. I  
HOPE TO BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT ACCURATELY THE THOUGHTS AND  
ASPIRATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF NIGERIA TO  
YOUR GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, AS WELL AS TO INFORM MYSELF  
VERY THOROUGHLY OF YOUR VIEWS AND INTENTIONS, AND CONVEY  
THEM OBJECTIVELY TO MY GOVERNMENT. I SHALL DO THE UTMOST  
IN MY POWER TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE VERY HAPPY RELATIONS  
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TO WHICH I REFERRED EARLIER, AND I HOPE THAT IN DOING SO  
I SHALL DESERVE YOUR CONFIDENCE.

IN CONCLUSION, I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT,  
THE VERY WARM PERSONAL WISHES OF MY HEAD OF STATE,  
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING  
YOU HIMSELF SHORTLY, AND TO HAVING A VERY FRUITFUL  
DIALOGUE WITH YOU. I ALSO BRING TO THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE SINCERE GREETINGS  
OF THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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